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SUBJ: INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT (U)
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1. (U) COUNTRY: VN
2. (U) SUBJ: DISSENSION IN NVN
3. (U) ISC NR: N/A
4. (U) DOI: BETWEEN 1963 AND 1968
5. (U) PLACE AND DATE OF ACQ: SAIGON, RVN; 30 DEC 74
6. (U) EVAL: F-6

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7. (U) SOURCE: NVN CIVILIAN

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15. (C) TEXT: THE FOL REPORT OF DISSENSION IN NVN WAS OBTAINED FROM NVN CIVILIAN [REDACTED]

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WHO CROSSED DMZ FROM NVN AND RALLIED TO GVN IN QUANG TRI (P) ON 1 JUL 74. DUONG HAD BEEN ARRESTED BY NVN GOVT IN 1963 FOR ALLEGED OPPOSITION ACTV AND SUCCESSIVELY CONFINED IN PRISONS IN HANOI AND HAIPHONG (C) AND PHU THO AND HA GIANG (P) UNTIL HE ESCAPED IN 1968. DURING HIS FIVE YEARS OF IMPRISONMENT, HE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO MANY PERSONS DETAINED FOR DISSIDENT ACTV.

A. CONFINED IN HA GIANG (P) PRISON IN 1967, SOURCE MET OVER 100 MED TRIBESMEN WHO HAD BEEN ARRESTED BY NVN GOVT FOR STAGING ARMED REBELLIONS BETWEEN 1958 AND 1960 TO DEMAND MED AUTONOMY AND DISMISSAL OF NVN CADRE ASSIGNED TO ADMINISTER THEIR TRIBES. THE REBELLIONS STARTED SEPARATELY IN HOAN SU PHU AND MED VAT AREAS OF DONG VAN (D) BUT WERE CRUSHED IN ONE TO TWO MONTHS AFTER NVN GOVT CORDONED OFF TRIBES AND CUT OFF ALL SUPPLY ROUTES TO AREAS. ALL ARRESTED DISSIDENTS WERE SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT (NFI).

B. WHILE CONFINED IN HAIPHONG PRISON IN 1958, SOURCE LEARNED FROM OTHER PRISONERS THAT A THO ETHNIC MINORITY GP HAD SEIZED CONTROL OF MONG CAI TOWN ON NORTHEASTERN NVN-CHINA BORDER WITH AID OF CHINESE ON OTHER SIDE OF BORDER. THEY REPORTEDLY HELD THE TOWN FOR A SHORT TIME BEFORE BEING OVERWHELMED BY AN NVA DIV.

C. IN 1967 SOURCE WAS CONFINED IN PHU THO (P) PRISON WHERE HE MET APPROX 20 SVN DETAINEES WHO WERE FORMER KEY CADRE OF AN ANTI-GOVT FARMERS AND WORKERS ALLIANCE PARTY FORMED BY REGROUPED SVN CADRE AND DISABLED MIL VETERANS. THE SVN DETAINEES STATED THAT NVN GOVT HAD DETECTED THEIR PARTY AND DESTROYED PARTY HQ LOC AT A DISABLED VETERANS' SETTLEMENT AND HA NAM (C) TRAIN STATION. THE PARTY FLAG AND COPIES OF PARTY'S PRINCIPLES OF ACTION WHICH INCLUDED AN ANTI-

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GOVT SCHEME AND PLAN FOR ESTABLISHING ANOTHER NVN GOVT
WERE SEIZED. THE SVN DETAINEES INCLUDED NGUYEN TIEN TICH,
GEN SECY OF ALLIANCE PARTY; LE QUANG XUA, DEPUTY SECY, AND TRAN
DUC MINH, A KEY CADRE WHOM THE ALLIANCE PARTY HAD PLANNED
TO NAME NATIONAL DEFENSE SECY ONCE A NEW NVN GOVT
WAS ESTABLISHED. MANY MORE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE PARTY
HAD BEEN ARRESTED AND DETAINED SEPARATELY IN VARIOUS
CAMPS IN NVN. NGUYEN TIEN TICH, REPORTEDLY AN NVN RAILWAY
CADRE, WAS SENTENCED BY A PEOPLES'S COURT IN HA NAM (P). THE
MAJORITY OF LEADING ALLIANCE PARTY CADRE RECEIVED SENTENCES
OF LIFE IMPRISONMENT. THE TRIAL WAS CONSIDERED AN EXAMPLE AND
WARNING TO OTHER DISSIDENT ORGANIZATIONS IN NVN.
D. WHILE SOURCE WAS CONFINED IN HA GIANG (P) PRISON IN 1967, HE MET
APPROX 10 OTHER DETAINEES WHO WERE YOUNG PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS
FROM HANOI. THESE INTELLECTUALS DID NOT BELONG TO ANY OPPOSITE
BLOC; HOWEVER, WITH THEIR COMMAND OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, THEY
HAD ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT FOREIGNERS IN HANOI, SEEKING NEWS
OF FREE WORLD OR OPPORTUNITY TO ESCAPE NVN REGIME. THEIR
RELATIONSHIP WITH FOREIGNERS ATTRACTED ATTENTION OF NVN
SECURITY AGENCIES WHICH PLACED THEM UNDER SURVEILLANCE AND
SUBSEQUENT ARREST. AMONG THOSE ARRESTED WAS NGUYEN DUY TAN,
40, A HANOI MATHEMATICS PROFESSOR FROM YEN THANH (D), NGHE AN
(P). HE WAS GREATLY ADMIRER BY INTELLECTUAL DISSENTERS WHO
CONSIDERED HIM THEIR LEADER (NFI).

E. SOURCE LEARNED THAT FROM 1969 TO 1970, ALMOST ALL ETHNIC MINORITIES
IN HIGHLAND PROVINCES OF NVN HAD QUIT STATE AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES
FOR PRIVATE ENTERPRISE BECAUSE OF DISSATISFACTION WITH HARSH
COOPERATIVE SYSTEM. DUE TO LACK OF MANPOWER, PRODUCTION OF
COOPERATIVES STEADILY DECLINED, PROMPTING DESERTION OF ADDITIONAL
WORKERS. THE MOVEMENT FROM COOPERATIVES WAS NOT ORGANIZED AND
NVN GOVT WAS UNABLE TO INITIATE ANY EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO BRING
WORKERS UNDER CONTROL. AS OF 30 JUN 74 WHEN SOURCE FLED NVN,
AN ESTIMATED 70 PCT OF AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES IN NVN HIGHLAND
PROVINCES HAD FAILED.

F. WHILE IN HAIPHONG PRISON IN 1968, SOURCE MET TAM SON, A TEENAGED
DETAINEE WHO HAD BEEN LEADER OF THE "FALLING YELLOW LEAF" GANG IN
HAIPHONG. TAM SON SAID HE AND HIS FRIENDS HAD BECOME DISGRUNTLED WITH
PROTRACTED WAR AND HAD SURREPTITIOUSLY GATHERED TO LISTEN
TO SONGS AND MUSIC BROADCASTED BY SAIGON RADIO. OTHER YOUTHS
JOINED THEM AND THE MOVEMENT SPREAD TO HANOI AND OTHER CITIES.
THE YOUTH GROUPS FOSTERED MANY SOCIAL EVILS INCLUDING THIEVERY
AND PROSTITUTION, AND NVN GOVT MOVED TO SUPPRESS THEM. THE
YOUTHS WERE EASILY IDENTIFIED BECAUSE THEY WERE FOOLISH ENOUGH
TO TATTOO THEIR ARMS WITH DESIGN OF A LEAF AS MARK OF RECOGNITION.
THE YOUTH MOVEMENT WAS COMPLETELY SUPPRESSED BY NVN GOVT.

G. ALMOST EVERY NVN HIGHLAND PROVINCE HAD AT LEAST ONE CAMP IN DEEP
JUNGLE WHERE POLIT PRISONERS AND CRIMINALS WERE CONFINED.
EACH CAMP HELD APPROX 2000 PRISONERS. PHU THO (P) REPORTEDLY HAD
CAMPS IN YEN HOA, HUNG HOA AND AM THUONG MOUNTAIN AND JUNGLE

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AREAS. TUYEN QUANG (P) AND HA GIANG (P) CAMPS WERE IN BAC QUANG AND BAC MUC MOUNTAIN AND JUNGLE. NVN GOVT ATTEMPTS TO REFORM PRISONERS BY SUBJECTING THEM TO HARD LABOR, SHORT RATIONS AND INDOCTRINATIONS YIELDED ALMOST NO RESULTS. THE LONG BT

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PRISON TERMS MADE DETAINEES AND THEIR RELATIVES EVEN MORE
INDIGNANT TOWARD GOVT. MOST NVN PEOPLE WERE WELL AWARE OF
GOVT MALTREATMENT OF PRISONERS BUT ONLY DISCUSSED THE PROBLEM
AND DARED NOT TAKE ANY ACTION.

H. SOURCE WAS TOLD BY A FRIEND, DR PHAN BA HO, THAT THE LATTER'S ELDER
BROTHER NAMED PHAN THE VAN, PROFESSOR AT HANOI FACULTY OF
MEDICINE AND MEMBER OF A REVISIONIST ORGANIZATION, HAD BEEN
CONFINED IN PHO LU JAIL IN LAO KAY (P) FROM 1966 TO 1973. AFTER
BEING CLEARED OF ALL CHARGES, PROFESSOR VAN WAS STILL UNDER
MODIFIED ARREST IN LANG SON (P) AND ONLY RECEIVED HALF OF HIS
BACK SALARY AND NO REINSTATEMENT OF PRIVILEGES. HE LATER
DISCLOSED TO HIS YOUNGER BROTHER (DR PHAN BA HO) THAT NVN GOVT
HAD ARRESTED MANY LEADERS OF REVISIONIST ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING
VU DINH HUYNH, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL OFFICE; UNG VAN KHIEM, INTERIOR

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MINISTER; LE LIEM, CULTURAL VICE-MINISTER; HOANG MINH CHINH, RECTOR OF PHILOSOPHY INSTITUTE; DANG KIM GIANG, AGRICULTURAL VICE-MINISTER; AND TU LAM, DIRECTOR OF SU THAT PUBLISHERS. THEY WERE DETAINED IN VARIOUS JAILS THROUGHOUT NVN ALONG WITH MANY OF THEIR FOLLOWERS. TU LAM HAD EXPOSED MANY OF HIS ACCOMPLICES SO HE WAS RELEASED AFTER NEARLY A YEAR OF IMPRISONMENT. A NUMBER OF OTHER DETAINEES SUCH AS DR PHAN THE VAN RECEIVED SOME DEGREE OF FREEDOM WHILE OTHERS HAD BEEN IMPRISONED 1966.

I. RIOT IN VINH PHU (P) AND REPRESSIVE MEASURES AGAINST YOUNG CLERGYMEN:

- (1) SOURCE MET A NUMBER OF THE RIOTERS CONFINED IN JAIL IN PHU THO (P) IN 1967, BUT LEARNED NO DETAILS OF RIOT.
- (2) WHILE CONFINED IN CAMPS IN PHU THO AND HA GIANG (P), SOURCE OBSERVED A NUMBER OF DETAINEES WHO WERE CATHOLIC DIGNITARIES AND YOUNG CLERGYMEN. EACH DETENTION CAMP HELD APPROX 50 CLERGYMEN WHO WERE CONFINED WITH IMPORTANT POLIT PRISONERS IN AN ISOLATED QUARTER OF THE FACILITY AND PUNISHED WITH HARD LABOR, LITTLE FOOD, FEW BATHS AND CHAINED EACH NIGHT. SOURCE DID NOT ENGAGE IN CONVERSATION WITH PRISONERS AND DID NOT KNOW NATURE OF CHARGES AGAINST THEM.

16. (C) COMMENTS:

A. [REDACTED], NVN.

IN EARLY 1954 HE ENLISTED IN "BAO CHINH DOAN" (CIVIL GUARD GROUP) AND ATTENDED SIX MONTHS MIL TNG IN BICH DONG (D), HAI PHONG. AFTER COMPLETION OF TNG, HE WAS PROMOTED TO MSGT IN CHARGE OF RECRUITMENT SECTION IN DU HANG (D), HAIPHONG (C). AT END OF 1954, AFTER SOURCE SUCCEEDED IN RECRUITING ONE COMPANY, HE WAS PROMOTED TO LT AND NAMED CDR OF DU HANG COMPANY, HAI PHONG GROUP. IN MAR 55 SOURCE WAS APPOINTED ASST CHIEF OF HAIPHONG SOUTHERN MIL AREA WHICH CONSISTED OF DU HANG, AN DUONG, LAC VIEN AND GIA VIEN POSTS. IN APR 55 THE DIV-SIZED CIVIL GUARD GP REGROUPED TO DA NANG, SVN, BY FRENCH SHIPS. SOURCE IMMEDIATELY RETURNED TO HAIPHONG TO LEAD HIS MOTHER AND TWO YOUNGER BROTHERS TO SVN, BUT INSTEAD WAS ARRESTED BY NVN AUTHORITIES AND DETAINED FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS. UPON BEING RELEASED IN JUL 55, HE REMAINED IN HAIPHONG WHERE HE WORKED AS A MEDIC AND COMPLETED 10TH GRADE OF AN ADVANCED CULTURAL SCHOOL. IN 1959 HE ATTENDED A THREE-YEAR INTERMEDIATE OPHTHALMOLOGY CORRESPONDENCE COURSE PRESENTED BY HAIPHONG PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE. UPON GRADUATING IN 1962, SOURCE WAS ASSIGNED TO OPHTHALMOLOGY HOSP IN HAIPHONG. DURING THIS TIME HE PARTICIPATED IN THE "WHITE PIGEON" ENTERTAINMENT TROUPE OF THANH TO DRAMA GP AND WAS MEMBER OF HANOI RADIO BROADCASTING ASSOCIATION. ON 22 OCT 63 HE WAS ARRESTED BY NVN GOVT AND CONFINED IN HA HOA PRISON IN PHU THO (P) BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN A NATIONALIST OFFICER AND HAD, AFTER SIGNING OF 1954 GENEVA AGREEMENT, CONTINUED TO RECRUIT TROOPS FOR RVN AND ENROLLED IN NHAN VAN GP

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(SOURCE DESCRIBED THIS AS GROUP OF NVN WRITERS AND POETS LED BY PHAN KHOI. THEY TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE "HUNDRED FLOWERS" MOVEMENT IN 1956 TO CRITICIZE NVN REGIME). HE WAS CONTINUOUSLY CONFINED IN VARIOUS PRISONS IN NVN FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. ON 26 OCT 68 HE AND FOUR OTHERS ESCAPED FROM HAIPHONG PRISON. SOURCE HID IN HIS BROTHER'S HOUSE IN NAM SACH (D), HAI HUNG (P), CHANGED HIS NAME TO LE VAN LAM AND THEN MOVED TO LANG SON (P) WHERE HE WORKED AS A PORTER. IN EARLY 1970 HE MOVED TO LANG SON-HA BAC (P) BORDER AREA WHERE HE LIVED FOR THREE YEARS. IN 1973 HE WAS EMPLOYED AS PORTER IN DONG MO RAILWAY STATION, LANG SON (P). ON 1 JUN 74 HE MADE HIS WAY TO SVN WHERE HE REPORTED TO AN RVN MARINE UNIT NEAR YD3355, QUANG TRI (P), AND TURNED IN A K-54 PISTOL WITH DN MAGAZINE.

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B. [REDACTED] DTD 10 SEP 74, SUBJ: RECONSTRUCTION AND LOGISTICS ACTV IN NVN; (FOL IR'S ALL DTD 17 SEP 74) [REDACTED] SUBJ: ACTV OF THE NVA 304TH AND 325TH C DIV; [REDACTED] SUBJ: NVA ACTIVITIES/CAPABILITIESIR [REDACTED] SUBJ: SOCIO ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN NVN AND IN COMMUNIST CONTROLLED AREAS, SVN; [REDACTED] SUBJ: PRISONER CAMPS IN NVN; [REDACTED] SUBJ: NVN GENERAL FORESTRY DEPARTMENT SITUATION IN LANG SON (P), NVN; AND [REDACTED] SUBJ: ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN NVN. REQUEST EVALUATION OF THIS REPORT.

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